

LOOK FOR CLOSE RACE NO TEAM LIKELY

Giants' Run Near Close of Last Season Makes Them Look Good—Brooklyn Will Try to Repeat—Other Clubs' Chances

THE most ardent home team fan will have to admit that with the opening of the big league baseball season on April 11 there isn't any team in either the National or American league that will have a walkover this year. Seldom have the teams been more evenly balanced at the opening of the season.

In the National league there is every indication that the Giants will be the favorite of many. The wonderful run of victories of the Giants near the close of last season gave their admirers lots of confidence.

Holke, Herzog, Fletcher and Zimmerman form a great infield. Robertson, Burns and Kauff can take care of everything in the outfield. McCarty and Rariden are good catchers. McGraw has experienced reserves, too, in Murray, Robert and Gibson. Schupp, Benton, Saltee, Tesreau, Peritt, Anderson, Smith and Middleton should add the necessary pitching strength.

Baseball more than any other sport is the despair of the dopesters. In our national game the "sure thing" is a delusion and a snare. "There ain't no such animal," The Giants of 1905 won the world's series in five games. At the beginning of 1906 it looked as if they had a team that nothing could stop. Injuries and illness broke it up. McGraw's men did not win another pennant until 1911.

Brooklyn Looks Good.

It also is foolish to assume the attitude that they will encounter no opposition. Wilbert Robinson has a tidy team of baseball players over in Flatbush, and they have the added confidence of men who have already won a flag. Any team with a collection of pitchers such as Brooklyn boasts is to be feared.

Brooklyn is not a smart team, but it is a strong team and one that must be given a chance in any reckoning.

This especially is so when it is considered how great an asset is pitching strength. It was pitching strength that brought the Red Sox through in the American league. At one time last season that club was pretty well broken up, but its rivals could not take advantage of the fact on account of the twirling they had to face. Detroit led the league in run making, with 676. Boston only scored 559 runs, 120 less than the Tigers, and yet finished first, while Detroit finished third. That shows what pitching will do. If you can't score on a team the best you can expect is a draw.

Brooklyn is not the only team the Giants have to fear. Philadelphia still has Grover Cleveland Alexander, and he is likely to receive more assistance than he did last season. Moran has proved himself to be a wise manager, and there is small doubt that he will keep his club within hailing distance of the top.

Stallings Always a Contender.

Then there is Boston. George Stallings, the Miracle Man, who led the Braves from the valley of despair to the heights of championship, didn't do quite as well last season, but things broke against him, and even then it was not until the last few games were fired that he was out of the fight. Stallings is a danger signal on the track ahead of any club.

In Chicago Fred Mitchell, Stallings' old lieutenant, has a hard job ahead of him, but every one who knows him feels that he is the man for it, and the probabilities are that the Cubs will make a better showing than they did last season, when they finished a bad fourth.

New York fans are interested in the showing of the Cincinnati club for the reason that Matty is leading it. It isn't a bad club on paper. Chase and Grob are stars of the first magnitude, and Clarke and Wingo are good catchers. Runkle, Neale, Griffith and one or two others should make up a good outfield. Outside of Toney and Schneider the Reds haven't any very strong twirlers, but Matty should be able to coach pitchers as well as anybody in the game, and he may improve some of his other box men and develop a recruit or two.

It is hard to tell what either the Pirates or the Cardinals may do. Jimmy Chisholm is building up a young team in Pittsburgh and thinks he has some promising material. He has, of course, a few old players of proved worth, and any pitching staff which boasts a Mammoth may not be disregarded.

In figuring out matters in the National league it is well to remember one thing—during the past three years the league pennant has been won by Boston, Philadelphia and Brooklyn, and each of the three was a mysterious stranger, a dark horse of the race.

American League Race.

A prediction that the American league race will be even closer this season than it was last year is based on the odds of probability. It is easy to remember that for most of the distance at least six teams had an outside chance for the pennant.

It may also be recalled that every club, with the exception of St. Louis and Philadelphia, was at some time or another in first place and that St. Louis was at one time in second place. It is a fact that the difference between a winner and a team that finished in seventh place was only a matter of fourteen full games out of 154. Just

IN MAJOR LEAGUES; TO HAVE A WALKOVER

Boston Red Sox Will Have to Fight Hard to Retain Championship in American League. Last Year's Finish Recalled

Now close the race really was, however, may not be realized without considerable analysis.

The Boston Red Sox, pennant winners of their league and world's champions, won the flag from the Chicago White Sox by only two full games. During the season they did not lose a single 1 to 0 contest and won seven battles by these figures. Moreover, they won two of these games in thirteen innings and one in ten innings. A 1 to 0 game is an uncertain proposition, yet had the Red Sox lost three out of the seven that they won the Chicago White Sox would have beaten them to the finish line. Boston therefore actually won the pennant not alone by only two games, but also by only three runs. They also may be said to have won it in extra innings. It is hard to look for a closer race than this.

Beginning at the Bottom.

In attempting to get some line on what the clubs do it is easier to follow the old business rule of beginning at the bottom and working up. Unless Connie Mack has strengthened more than is apparent on the surface he again is apt to make a poor showing. Connie will have experiments at both second and third base. His chief hope of making a better showing appears to lie in his pitching staff. He has two first class pitchers and a number of youngsters who needed seasoning, but show bright promise.

Washington is another team which must be strengthened. Griffith has some new men, but nobody knows just how good they are, and the Senators are in need of offensive strength.

Cleveland is a club which has the possibilities of a surprise. Under certain conditions it might be one of the most dangerous teams in the race. It has a fine outfield for both offense and defense. With Chapman playing the game of which he is capable, the infield is good. Much depends on the pitching staff. Stanley Coveleskie, Klepper, Coumbe, Gould, Bagby, Lambeth, Boehling and Beebe are a mighty good lot from which to pick three or four dependable boxmen. One or two of these men might develop into stars. If in addition Morton and Joe Wood should come back and show their old time skill the Indians are going to be a mighty dangerous aggregation. If Leo Fohl gets one more good man for his infield Cleveland will take a lot of beating.

Browns a Strong Team.

St. Louis has in Fielder Jones one of the wisest managers in baseball, and it is said that Jones has an owner who will give him the necessary backing. Under these circumstances it seems certain that sooner or later the Browns will be a strong team. The question is whether Jones can develop strength rapidly enough to make him a contender this season. He made a good start last year by weeding out a number of Federal league leftovers that he discovered were not fast enough for big league company. Now he must build, and building takes time. Any team led by Jones, however, is apt to make a good showing.

Boston has a veteran team. It is a team with all the confidence instilled by the winning of two successive world's series. It is a well rounded team, strong in every department of the game. Lastly, it is one of the smartest and gamiest teams that ever appeared upon a diamond. No club logically can be made a favorite over the Red Sox in the coming race.

The White Sox have a powerful nine in many ways, but also one that has well known weaknesses. It may be stronger in the infield than it was last year. Its strength on the attack is conceded. On the defense it is not so strong.

Detroit has for many years been kept well in front by the great and only Ty Cobb. If Hugh Jennings could furnish Ty with a really good pitching staff the chances are that another championship banner would fly in Detroit. The Tigers are a good club and a powerful club, and if a couple of the younger pitchers show real ability the fighting Jungle Cats will ask odds from no one.

Yanks Had Hard Luck.

No one will dispute the fact that if the Yankees could have refrained from populating all the hospitals between home and St. Louis they would have had a chance for the flag last year. The physician was the busiest man connected with the club. Never did a team get tougher breaks. Almost every man on it broke something from a rib to an ankle bone.

It is not reasonable to suppose that such a series of misfortunes will occur again this season. The team has some of the fastest men, some of the greatest sluggers and some of the finest pitchers and fielders in the game. If Bill Donovan is able to keep it going at top speed there is no club with better chances or brighter hopes.

Obliging Husband.

Mrs. Bacon (at 2 a. m.)—What in the world did you wake me up for? Mr. Bacon (yawning)—Oh, you were talking in your sleep, and you know you do love to hear yourself talk, dear—Yonkers Statesman.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

TO MAKE MILITARY REPORT ON STATE

CENSUS TO BE COMPILED UNDER
DIRECTION OF LEGISLATURE—
\$50,000 APPROPRIATION ASKED
FOR WORK.

Springfield, Ill., April 9.—State Senator Curtis tonight called a special meeting of the senate appropriations committee to be held before the morning session of the senate to consider and report out the special \$50,000 bill to authorize the Illinois military census.

Adj. Gen. Dickson is to appear before the committee in behalf of the bill. Gov. Lowden, Gen. Dickson, and the administration leaders are desirous that the bill be pushed to passage this week so that the big job of listing the available men of Illinois for active military duty may begin within the fortnight.

It is probable the \$1,000,000 bill, carrying a general appropriation for emergency expenses of the state during the war period, will be introduced tomorrow.

Await Calling More Troops.

Before the end of the week it is believed, there will be definite intelligence from Washington as to what may be expected in the way of mobilizing the national guard regiments not yet ordered for duty. With this at hand, more definite plans can be made by the state authorities. The purpose is to hold the appropriation and other war measures on the calendar until the call to troops is issued. The \$50,000 bill is the only one that is to be pushed for immediate passage, although hearings will begin tomorrow on the military code bill introduced last week by Representative Ellis.

The Buck civil service bill, amending the state law, will be on second reading in the senate tomorrow. The outlook now is that the bill will be passed this week in both senate and house. The Cook county will be a special order tomorrow in the house.

A Real Employee.

"Do you see that young fellow over there?" said the manager of the factory. "He's made up his mind that some day he is going to get my job away from me."

"Is that so? I shouldn't think you'd keep him around here then."

"Great Scott, man! I'd be mighty lucky if every fellow in this plant had the same idea."—Detroit Free Press.

"TIZ" EASES TIRED, SORE, SWOLLEN FEET

Instant relief for aching, puffed-up, calloused feet and corns.

Why go limping around with aching, puffed-up feet—feet so tired, chafed, sore and swollen you can hardly get your shoes on or off? Why don't you get a 25-cent box of "Tiz" from the drug store now and gladden your tortured feet?

"Tiz" makes your feet glow with comfort; takes down swellings and draws the soreness and misery right out of feet that chafe, smart and burn. "Tiz" instantly stops pain in corns, callouses and bunions. "Tiz" is glorious for tired, aching, sore feet. No more shoe tightness—no more foot torture.

FARMER'S WIFE URGES FRIENDS TO ACT AT ONCE

MRS. ASPINWALL, NEAR FREEPORT, IS CONVINCED TANLAC WILL PROVE BOON TO ALL WHO TRY IT.

Freeport, Ill., April 9.—and satisfied that other people can gain the same benefits through Tanlac that I have derived, and I want to recommend the new medicine to all." Mrs. Lloyd Aspinwall, wife of a prominent and well known farmer residing eight miles west of Freeport, told the Tanlac Man on March 31.

"About three years ago," she continued, "I began having trouble with my stomach and I have suffered ever since that time. It seemed that none of the food I ate agreed with me. My food never digested properly and it

didn't seem to give me the proper nourishment as I always felt weak and 'all in.' Almost invariably after meals gas would form in my stomach causing me to feel bloated.

"After reading so much in the newspapers of what Tanlac was doing for others I became convinced that the medicine must have some merit and I decided to try it. Well, sir, I thoroughly enjoy my meals now. It's not exaggeration when I say that I can eat anything I care for now and the food digests properly and seems to give me more nourishment. Cabbage, onions and many of the heavier foods I couldn't eat before taking Tanlac are a part of my meals now. In fact, I'm better every way, since using Tanlac and I gladly recommend it."

Hundreds have testified in the same strain as Mrs. Aspinwall, declaring Tanlac to be surprisingly beneficial for stomach, liver and kidney trouble, catarrhal complaints, nervousness, sleeplessness, loss of appetite and the like as well as a non-reconstructive tonic for weak, run down men and women.

Tanlac is now being introduced in Ottawa at W. D. Duncan's drug store, where a special Tanlac representative is explaining the new medicine to the public daily. It also is being introduced

by experts in Streator at the Gann Drug Co., and in La Salle at Clancy's drug store and is sold in Peru at Nadler's drug store and in Spring Valley at Thompson's drug store—adv.

On the Safe Side.

Uncle Eben—So Ephie Huskins has come to Palm Beach. I wonder if there'll be enough going on to entertain her? Uncle Eben—Well, Ephie ain't asking any chances. He's took his checkbook along—Life.

Joy comes, grief goes, we know not how.—Lowell.

WARNING

TO ALL MOTHERS AND FATHERS OF OTTAWA

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN

For Humanity's Safe

—SEE—

"DAMAGED GOODS"

Ventilation. It goes without saying that a well-ventilated room cannot attain a high standard of performance. Any deficiency in the supply of oxygen hastens fatigue and thereby lowers efficiency.—George H. Shepard in Industrial Management.

NOSE CLOGGED FROM A COLD OR CATARRH

Apply Cream in Nostrils To Open Up Air Passages.

Ah! What relief! Your clogged nostrils open right up, the air passages of your head are clear and you can breathe freely. No more yawning, sniffling, mucous discharge, headache, dizziness, no struggling for breath at night, your cold or catarrh is gone.

Don't stay stuffed up! Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head, soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Ely's Cream Balm is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer has been seeking. It's just splendid.

EVERYBODY READ! EVERYBODY THINK! ONLY 4 DAYS MORE

ANOTHER STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT!!

THE NEWS OF THIS MONSTER SELLING EVENT HAS traveled far and fast. People for twenty miles around have flocked into this store, taking advantage of the many bargains, presented to them, at this period of expensive living. The exceptional bargains we are giving have made it well worth their while. They come and come again. This is an absolute closing out sale.

Wednesday and Thursday

We offer the following 5 HOURLY SPECIALS. Our loss is your gain. Take advantage of the wonderful specials quoted below:

Again Breaking All Records For Value Giving

On WEDNESDAY morning, April 11th for ONE HOUR ONLY, 10 to 11 o'clock your choice of one big lot of shoes, \$4 and \$5 values that sold for \$2.65 during the sale, for only **85c**

On WEDNESDAY, April 11th for ONE HOUR ONLY, 1 to 2 o'clock, your choice of one big lot of shoes, \$4 values that sold for \$2.45, the first days of this sale **65c**

On THURSDAY MORNING, April 12, for ONE HOUR ONLY, 10 to 11 o'clock, your choice of one big lot of shoes, \$3 and \$3.50 values, that sold for \$1.85 the first days of the sale **45c**

On THURSDAY, April 12, for ONE HOUR ONLY, 1 to 2 o'clock, your choice of one big lot of shoes that sold the first days for \$1.85. These shoes are all white canvas and nubuck for one hour **35c**

On THURSDAY, April 12, for ONE HOUR ONLY, 4 to 5 o'clock, your choice of one big lot of suede and cloth slip shoes that sold for \$1.35 the first days of this sale, one hour only **25c**

The Real Bargain Opportunity

We have given some great values during this sale, but the hourly specials surpass anything heretofore attempted. DON'T MISS THEM.

Flanagan Bros.

"The Home of Good Shoes."

720 LA SALLE ST.

OTTAWA, ILL.

Exceptional is the Word

These hourly specials will not last long, so don't wait for the other fellow. These wonderful values will go quick. Remember—THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM.

Time of Performances:

10:30 a. m. 5:00 p. m.
12:30 noon 6:30 p. m.
2:00 p. m. 8:00 p. m.
3:30 p. m. 9:30 p. m.

Please Note: The first performance will be held at 1:30 in the morning to accommodate the crowds. COME EARLY and avoid the crowds.

One
Day
Only

Apollon
PICTURES THAT PLEASE

One
Day
Only

Thursday, April 12

"DAMAGED GOODS"

(NEW REVISED EDITION)

With Richard Bennett and Original Broadway Cast.

WARNING TO EVERY YOUNG WOMAN OR MAN CONSIDERING MARRIAGE.

DON'T GET MARRIED.

Until you see this great moral drama. You will then understand why thousands of happy homes have been suicides. Don't remain in ignorance wrecked and the cause of countless of the true facts any longer.

A graphic portrayal of the physical ruin that follows in the wake of those who tread the flowery path of worldly pleasures. It pictures the terrible consequences of vice and physical ruin that follows abuse of the moral law. It is a stirring plea for a pure life before marriage in order to make impossible the transmission of hereditary taints to future generations.

"Damaged Goods" is heartily endorsed by the physicians, clergy, city officials and newspapers of Chicago and all large Illinois cities where it recently broke all previous records for attendance.

WARNING TO EVERY MOTHER AND FATHER

Do you realize that it is your duty to warn your children of the dangers pictured in "DAMAGED GOODS"?

The lesson it teaches will never be forgotten.

This will be the only showing of "DAMAGED GOODS" in Ottawa, and it will not be shown in any other theatre or City within a Radius of Twenty Miles.

A Suggestion. Attend the Matinees.

Positively no Children Admitted Unless Accompanied by Parents.